



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2521**  
Kenichi YAMASHITA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0047A  
Serial No. 10/522,137 : Group Art Unit 1634  
Filed January 19, 2005 : Examiner Steven C. Pohnert  
MOLECULE ANALYZING  
METHOD USING MICROCHANNEL : **Mail Stop: RCE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 22, 2008, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants note a substantially identical reply was filed May 22, 2008. Such reply was deemed non-compliant for an incorrect claim designation. This reply is identical to such reply except the noted informality has been corrected. Applicants respectfully request entry of this reply.

An RCE is attached herewith.

*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any  
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